THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) There are no specific guidelines except that the Cold drinks sold at stations should be of good quality. However, recently, the Railways have been advised to ask the suppliers to stamp the monogram of the Railway on the bottles procured for the departmental sale.

(d) No specific group or company has been prescribed by the Ministry.

(e) Does not arise, in view of answer to part (a) of the question.

Death of a Chartered Accountant working in Centaur Hotel, New Delhi

3700. DR. C. SILVERA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a chartered Accountant working in Centaur Hotel, New Delhi met with a fatal accident while going to his office, recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that his parents are running from pillar to pillar but they are not being paid the gratuity due to the deceased and any other compensations; and

(d) if so, what steps Government propose to take in this regard and action being taken against the Personnel Officer for delay in the payment of above dues?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Shri V. Sethi, Accounts Manager, Centaur Hotel, Delhi Airport, who was also a Chartered Accountant met with a fatal accident on the way to Delhi Airport/ Centaur Hotel and was declared dead in the Safdarjung Hospital on 5th June, 1987.

(c) and (d) The salary dues of Shri Sethi have already been settled. The legal heirs of Shri Sethi have not so far completed the requisite formalities to claim the gratuity and payment under Employees Provident Fund linked Insurance Scheme/Group Insurance Scheme.

Improvement and upgradation of National Highway No. 45

3701. SHRI RAM NARESH KUSHAWAHA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to award all the six contracts for the improvement and upgrading of National Highway 45 to a Delhi based firm with Italian collaboration;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether before awarding the contract Government had invited tenders for the job, if so, what are the details thereof stating the response received by Government in this regard and the considerations which weighed with it to select the Delhi based firm having Italian collaboration?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The project of improvement and upgradation of NH-45 was divided into six packages for estimatation and tendering. Package IV involved the construction of Road Over Bridges is being carried out departmentally by the Southern Railway. For the remaining five packages bids were invited from the pre-qualified ten-